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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board

**ACTION:** Notice of Open and Closed Meeting Sessions

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for the upcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board (Board) and also describes the specific functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This notice is issued to provide members of the general public with an opportunity to attend and/or provide comments. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (e.g. interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at [Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov](mailto:Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov) no later than February 19, 2013. We will attempt to meet requests after this date but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATES: February 28 - March 2, 2013**

**TIMES:**

**February 28: Committee Meetings:**

**Assessment Development Committee:** 8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Background Information:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Executive Committee:** Open Session: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Closed Session: 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**March 1: Full Board and Committee Meetings:**

**Full Board:** Open Session: 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.; Closed Session: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.;

Open Session: 1:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Committee Meetings:**

**Assessment Development Committee (ADC):** Open Session: 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.;

**Reporting and Dissemination Committee (R&D):** Open Session: 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology (COSDAM):** Open Session: 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**March 2: Full Board and Committee Meetings:**

**Nominations Committee:** Closed Session: 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

**Full Board:** Closed Session: 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.; Open Session: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** The Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean, VA 22102

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board (Board) is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board’s responsibilities include the following: selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment frameworks and specifications, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and releasing initial NAEP results to the public.

On February 28, 2013, the Assessment Development Committee (ADC) will meet in closed session from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. to review secure NAEP test materials for Science Interactive Computer Tasks (ICTs) at grades 4, 8, and 12 for the 2014 pilot test, in preparation for the 2015 NAEP Science assessment. The review of secure ICTs for grades 4, 8, and 12 must be conducted in closed session because the ADC members will be provided with secure items and materials which are not yet available for release to the general public. Premature disclosure of the secure test items and materials would compromise the integrity and substantially impede implementation of the secure NAEP assessments and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 of the United States Code.

On February 28, 2013, the Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Background Information will meet in open session from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thereafter, the Executive Committee will convene in open session from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and in closed session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During the closed session, the Executive Committee will receive and discuss current procurement plans and independent government cost estimates from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) staff for proposed item development, data collection, scoring and analysis, and reporting of National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results for 2013-2017, and their implications on future NAEP activities. The discussion of independent government cost estimates for the NAEP 2013-2017 contracts is necessary for ensuring that NAEP contracts meet congressionally mandated goals and adhere to Board policies on NAEP assessments available at [www.nagb.org/policies.html](http://www.nagb.org/policies.html). This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program by providing contractors attending an unfair advantage in procurement and contract negotiations for NAEP. Discussion of this information

would be likely to significantly impede implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 1, 2013, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., followed by a closed session from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and an open session from 1:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

From 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on March 1, 2013 the Board will review and approve the February 28 - March 2, 2013 Board meeting agenda and meeting minutes from the December 2012 Quarterly Board meeting. Thereafter, the Superintendent from Fairfax County Public Schools will provide welcome remarks. This session will be followed by a report from the Executive Director of the Governing Board, and updates from the Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Following these sessions, the Board will recess for Committee meetings

On March 1, 2013, the Reporting and Dissemination Committee, the Assessment Development Committee and the Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology will meet in open sessions from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Following the Committee meetings, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. the full Board will meet in closed session to receive a briefing on the NAEP 2012 Economics Report. The Board will receive an embargoed briefing on preliminary results which will include secure test items, embargoed assessment data, and results that cannot be discussed in an open meeting prior to their official release. Premature disclosure of these results

would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP assessment program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 United States Code.

After the closed session briefing, the Board will meet in open session from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. to receive a panel briefing on the NCES workshop on the Future of NAEP. From 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Board will discuss two policy issues under consideration by the Executive Committee: the NAEP Schedule of Assessments and reviewing and updating the Governing Board's Policy on NAEP Redesign. From 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Board will receive a demonstration of the new web-based format of the NAEP Mega-States Report. The March 1, 2013 Board meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

On March 2, 2013, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. to discuss potential candidates for Board terms beginning October 1, 2013. The Nomination Committee's recommendations will be presented for full Board action from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. The Committee's discussions and Board review and action pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of Title 5 of the United States Code.

On March 2, 2013, from 8:50 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. the full Board will receive an update in closed session on the NAEP/TIMSS Linking Report. During this closed session, Board members will be provided with data which are not yet available for release to the general public. Premature disclosure of the secure data would compromise the integrity and substantially impede

implementation of the NAEP/TIMSS Linking Study and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 of the United States Code.

Following this closed session, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the full Board will meet in open session to receive a briefing on the *Inside NAEP* series on how NAEP scores are calculated. From 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Board will receive Committee reports and take action on Committee recommendations. The March 2, 2013 meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

A verbatim transcript of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

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